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# Revolution Grips Panama

## OUTLAWS KILL EIGHT MARINES IN NICARAGUA

Ambushed Americans  
Slay or Wound  
12 Attackers

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 2.—(INS)—Outlaw bullets in the jungles of northern Nicaragua snatched the lives of eight United States marines Wednesday and inflicted serious wounds on two other enlisted men of the same patrol, who were brought here by airplane today.

The casualties, the heaviest sustained by the "leathernecks" since New Year's day in 1922, were inflicted by lurking attackers in the wilderness of Archapagua, between Ocotal and Apall, where followers of the insurgent Augustino Sandino were lately reported to have been operating again.

Meagle reports fighting back to marines barricaded here indicated that although the ambushed patrol was badly outnumbered and faced an enemy almost completely hidden by jungle growth, it stood to the last man and returned the bandit fire shot for shot. As far as could be ascertained, between 12 and 20 of the attackers were either killed or wounded.

Fifteen marines were sent in pursuit of the ambushing party.

As far as could be learned, a Nicaraguan heard heavy firing in the jungle and reported it to marines patrolling at Ocotal. Shortly after, a riderless mule belonging to the outfit came into camp, warning the marine post that their comrades had run into trouble. Reconvoys immediately set off in the direction of the firing.

According to information here, they found that the attack began shortly before noon Wednesday. On arrival, bandits using automatics fired at the marines and then fled. One of the survivors, Captain Jackson, wrote letters immediately to the County Board of Supervisors, protesting against the creation of any new office for the time being, at least.

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## JOFFRE STILL CLINGS TO LIFE

No Change Noted in  
Condition During  
The Night

PARIS, Jan. 2.—(INS)—Marshall Joffre of France, breathing fairly regularly as if in the deepest sleep, was reported unchanged today after more than 20 hours of continued unconsciousness.

An official bulletin issued by his three attending physicians at 12:15 p.m. today (6:15 a. m. Iowa time) said:

"The night passed without incident. There was no change in the Marshal's general condition."

Leaving the hospital where his stricken superior has been under observation since his arrival from Paris, Dr. Marcel de Mazaes said:

"Marshal Joffre is sleeping and breathing heavily, but regular. He has not taken any nourishment since 11 a. m. New Year's day."

According to those who have watched the old soldier, now within ten days of his 89th birthday, he has moved or stirred only rarely, sinking into the comatoses state. That and the beating of his heart remained the only signs of life.

## Fire Causes \$2,000 Loss at Washington

WASHINGTON, Ia., Jan. 2.—(INS)—Smoke damage that may exceed \$2,000, was caused here last night by a fire in the Phillips and Heben Drug store. While flames did little damage to the building, the interior was gutted and damaged the Cetian Seed store, the R. M. Smith apartment building and the Bridgett apartments.

The fire, believed to have been caused by an overheated furnace, broke out at 11 o'clock and burned about an hour and a half. The loss is covered by insurance.

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There were three members on the board of supervisors when Mr. Freers began his work with the county. They were John Rice, Ira Hendricks and August Schulte, the latter of West Liberty. Other county officers recalled by Mr. Freers were the late E. C. Stocker, auditor, Silas Johnson, treasurer, Joe Eels, clerk of the court, William Schenck, recorder, E. A. Albee, superintendent of schools, and R. Wiley, sheriff.

Mr. Eels will reach his 77th year on Jan. 7. He will make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Punc, 2020 Mulberry avenue.

## Fire Destroys Plant Of Baltimore Post

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2.—(INS)—The Baltimore Post, demolished by a fire which wrecked its five-story buildings last night, and caused the death of one of its employees, appeared on the streets as usual today.

Our readers are requested to take any damaging stories with "a grain of salt." The only thing the matter with some people is that apparently the Mid-West Free Press is "stepping too fast" for them—to buy the ground, wreck an old three-story building, build up a beautiful new three-story building, buy the machinery, install it, select all the executives and as a finishing touch have the President of the United States touch the button, is inconceivable and a seemingly impossible accomplishment in the minds of a few who are engaged in the newspaper business. But it was done and we expect to continue at the same gait.

## FREERS QUILTS COUNTY OFFICE

Veteran Employee of  
Court House Ends  
Long Service

With a record of service with the county dating back to 37 years ago, H. B. Freers, superintendent of the court house and heating plant, presented his resignation to the board of supervisors this morning. Action on the selection of his successor was expected some time today.

"H. B." as he is more familiarly known to the officers and employees at the court house, has served continuously since he began his work with the county 37 years ago, with the exception of three years. He now plans to go into retirement after a life of active and faithful service.

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## Quake Recorded at College in Denver

DENVER, Jan. 2.—(INS)—An earthquake of the first magnitude was registered on the seismograph at St. Regis College here early today, according to Father A. W. Forrestal.

## What About This?

In these times of depression, there are many more things to be considered than one's personal finances. What we need is more economy in our national, state county and city offices, where the people's money, in many instances, is played with as a child does a football. How nice it would be, if every dollar paid in taxes produced a dollar's worth of good for the people.

Muscatine County is like all others. We have just as good supervisors and county officials as any other county, but there is something about governmental affairs that prevents them from being handled in a careful and detailed manner as one handles his own private business.

To use the people's money seems to be very easy on the part of some, and the subtle manner in which they accomplish this is truly remarkable. For instance: In time past, when the public was sleeping and deceived by the innocent appearance of the matter, a law was put through the Iowa legislature permitting counties to appropriate money toward county "Health Units", and now somebody has made it possible to create a new office which, if appointed will take a few more thousand dollars of the people's money.

Muscatine County is quite deep in debt, and we do not believe that our county supervisors should consider the matter of a special assessor or some other special position in the year 1931, but should wait until we get caught up with our debts and then give the matter a little thought if they wish. It has been rumored that a former county employee, who has held a county position for years at the courthouse, has already been "lined up" for a position created especially for him. If there's going to be any "cream" to drink, why not pass it around, if it must be passed around, to something more worthwhile? If such an office must be created it should be started with one without friends or enemies—with a clean slate, starting the New Year properly.

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## LEGGLE REPLIES TO CHARGES OF FARM LEADER

Asserts Farm Board  
Has Raised Prices  
Of Wheat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—(INS)—

A further exchange of personalities between John A. Simpson, president of the farmers' union, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Alexander H. Legge, chairman of the federal farm board, will not result in any good to the farmers, Legge advised the former today.

Stating his view, Legge of trying to depress wheat prices and attributed certain statements to him during a hearing before a Senate committee. Legge said the statements Simpson had been using as having been made by him at this hearing were "absolutely untrue."

Legge's letter, in part said:

"Entirely aside from anything which happened at this meeting, I do not intend to accuse anyone of trying to depress the price of wheat at a time when the domestic markets are 25 to 35 cents a bushel, depending on where the wheat might be located, above what it would bring if exported today, the Liverpool price averaging at present approximately 20 cents a bushel under the Chicago figure for the same grade of wheat. Don't you realize that in making this position you are aligning yourself with the interests which are so bitterly opposing all efforts to aid agriculture in an effective way?"

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## SUPERVISORS MEET; RE-ELECT KAUFMAN HEAD

### County Officers and Their Assistants Given Oaths

Reelection of Fred R. Kaufman as supervisor for another year, appointment of commissioners, and swearing in of both new and old county officers and their assistants, featured the first 1931 meeting of the board of supervisors here this morning. Mr. Kaufman, a member of the board for several terms, has served as chairman during the past year.

George Sauer of Sweetland township, began his term as the new member of the board for the coming year.

J. Henry Schafer and A. J. Altekruse were appointed by the new board as members of the committee to handle the affairs of the county farm and insane hospitals, and Supervisors Sauer and W. J. Evermeyer, 101 East Fullam Avenue, members of the court-house and jail committee.

Caths of office were administered to the county officers and their assistants by Charles H. Pitchforth, who retired today as county auditor. The board members approved the appointment of the various clerks and deputies employed in court and the office of the new official. Salaries of the clerks and deputies were also approved.

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### JACOB DANZ OF SOUTH END DIES

Jacob Danz, 63, life long resident of Muscatine died at his home, 426 Pond street, at 4:25 o'clock this morning after a six months illness of heart trouble. He was the son of Henry and Edna Koeppling, who were born in Dryden township, Ill., Oct. 11, 1868. He married Miss Hattie Dierck Oct. 12, 1898, at Muscatine, and has been a rip saw operator at the Roach and Muser Sash and Door company for the last 45 years.

Surviving are his widow, two children, Edith and Mrs. Cecile Akleian of Davenport; three brothers, George of Portland; Henry and John of Muscatine, and four sisters, Mrs. Lena Henderson of Kansas, Mrs. Mary Puhiman and Mrs. John Koeppling of Muscatine and Mrs. Minnie Brown of Denver, Colo.

Funeral services will be held from the Fairbanks funeral home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. Charles Judisch of the Evangelical Protestant church will officiate. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

### VISITORS AT K-TNT

**ON JAN 1**  
Myrtle Cook, Davenport.  
Charlie Ziegoway, Muscatine.  
Jacob Ziegoway, Hartington, Ia.  
J. H. Simmering, Washington.  
Virginia Edgren, Chicago.

Sam Cawher, Conway, Ia.  
A. M. Johnson, Princeton, Ia.  
Floyd Bacon, Princeton, Ia.  
Ada Spielman, Dubuque.

Elsie Shook, Montezuma.  
Mrs. B. E. Welper, Quincy, Ill.  
Mr. R. E. Welper, Quincy, Ill.  
Ruth Brown, Quincy, Ill.

Kathryn Davis, Cedar Rapids.  
Guy Taylor, Cedar Rapids.  
Geneva Anderson, Waterloo.  
Mrs. Jane Anderson, Waterloo.  
Gladys Smith, Muscatine.

Dorothy Stewart, Muscatine.  
Grace Terry, Muscatine.  
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Edgar Kublik, Muscatine.  
Mildred Brasheer, Muscatine.  
Mrs. L. D. Dodes, Muscatine.  
Mrs. Sadie Mullens, Muscatine.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Francisco, Cuba, Ill.

Willard Schau, Mt. Hamill, Ia.  
Goldie Starr, Argyle, Ia.  
Helen Downey, Donelson, Ia.  
Virgil Thon, Fort Madison.  
David Graber, Donelson, Ia.  
Margaret Starr, Argyle, Ia.

Mr. Milton Dawson, Hedrick, Ia.  
Mrs. Milton Dawson, Hedrick, Ia.  
Mr. Jim Caldwell, Hedrick, Ia.  
C. C. Chadwick, Winfield, Ia.  
Mrs. Orr Chadwick, Winfield, Ia.  
Miss Betty Chadwick, Winfield, Ia.

Ralph Hoffman, Muscatine.  
Charles Rhoades, Muscatine.  
Mrs. Chas. Rhoades, Muscatine.  
Kathleen and Eric Reiter, Mineral Point, Ia.

George Kublik, Muscatine.  
Maxine Stalter, Muscatine.  
Louise Hopkins, Hopkins, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle, Muscatine.  
B. Purdon, Saginaw, Mich.

George H. Flater, Cambridge, Ia.  
Dorothy Taylor, Galva, Ill.

Ethel Taylor, Galva, Ill.

Mrs. Lois Grap, Mineral Point, Ia.

William P. Ross, Mineral Point, Ia.

Mayne Ayers, West Newton, Ia.

Irene Getz, Wilkinsburg, Penn.

Mrs. Emma Milliron, West Newton, Penn.

Mrs. Nellie Grap, Mineral Point, Ia.

Mrs. Milton Dawson, Hedrick, Ia.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Donley, Vinton, Ia.

Elton R. Faeth, Fort Madison.  
Everett Faeth, Fort Madison.

Helen J. Warner, Davenport.  
Lucille Warner, Clinton.

Carrie Swedin, Ft. Madison, Ia.  
Clarke Reed, Monroe, Ia.

George Lambrecht, East Moline.

Cleo Bucci, Chicago.

Emile Bucci, East Moline.

Horace Striegel, Davenport.

Wade S. Striegel, Davenport.

Marcella Striegel, Davenport.

Mr. S. J. Striegel, Davenport.

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The business district today awoke its holiday attire when Louis Elfers, local electrical contractor, removed the colored lights which had been strung across the streets since before Christmas, and Christmas trees which had adorned the ornamental light posts. The lights and trees are installed each year by Mr. Elfers without charge.

Flora Tobias, teacher of the Stockton school, spent New Year's day at the home of her mother, Mrs. Blanche Tobias, 212 Green street.

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## Baptist Church Hears Reports, Names Officers

Officers for both the Sunday school and church were elected yesterday when the members of the Walnut Street Baptist church held their semi-annual meeting in the church parlors. Reports of the various organizations were read and plans for the coming year were also made.

Those elected to serve in the Sunday school are: Victor Miller, superintendent; Ella Eckhardt, follow-up secretary; Katherine Borchardt, pianist; Mrs. Esther Brudkuhl, assistant pianist.

Church officers are: Ralph Tabor, clerk; Carl Borchardt; Victor Miller, Fred Toborg, deacons; Hans Cartensen, Ernest Brudkuhl, trustees; Esther Toborg, organist; Victor Miller, subscription agent.

According to the reports read yesterday the church has had a prosperous year. The average per capita which was reported last August has grown from eight to 26 members. Other organizations and societies are being reorganized and the members are looking forward to the coming six months as the most successful in the church for some time.

## Bloomington and Wapsie Groups to Present Playlets

The regular monthly meeting of the Bloomington township Farm Bureau group will be held tonight at 7:30 at Bloomington Grange Hall. A local program will be given, featuring a playlet, "Finnegan's Flats," by the Four-H club girls.

The Farm Bureau of Wapsinonoc township will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening when the playlet "Back to the Farm," will be given by members of the Cedar township bureau.

## Baptists Plan to Reopen University

DES MOINES—A Baptist commission had been named today to make final investigation into the proposed re-opening of Des Moines university. Seven men make up the commission which is to report to the annual meeting of the Baptist constituency of the state.

The appointment followed a discussion of the need of a Baptist college in Iowa by the annual Baptist ministers meeting here.

## Open Door Mission Gives Lodging and Food to Wanderers

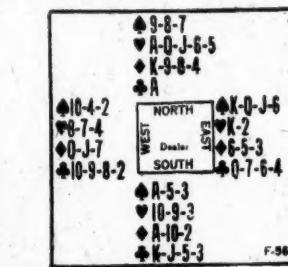
A total of 125 transient destitute and hungry people were fed during the month of December at the Open Door Mission, 111 West Front street, according to Superintendent J. E. Row. About 1,000 meals were served and coffee, bread and bacon furnished with a plate to sleep.

Mr. Row will be the speaker at services Friday night. The weekly praise service is held every Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to these meetings.

DES MOINES—The twelve months of 1930 brought an increase of \$26,681 over 1929 in the value of construction permits issued in Des Moines, according to statistics released by V. O. Marriott, building commissioner.

## Bridge-Auction and Contract

By the Authority  
MILTON C. WORK



If the above hand had been played at Auction Bridge, South would have bid one No Trump and North two Hearts which would have ended the bidding.

At Contract Bridge North would overall South's No Trump with three Hearts, thus forcing South to bid either four Hearts or Three No Trumps; and South, with the Spades and Diamonds each dropped only once, would select Hearts although having only Ten, Nine and another. His No Trump hand was so skimpy that Hearts looked more promising for game.

In the play with Hearts the trump and North the Declarer, East led the King of Spades. Dummy won with the Ace and led the Ten of trumps, North taking the finesse. East won with the King and cashed his two Spade tricks, making a total of three tricks for his side. After that Declarer could not avoid the loss of a Diamond and consequently failed to make game.

Could Declarer have made it?

## THE CORRECT PLAY

Declarer could have made game very readily if he had played on the basis of safety first. He should have postponed his trump finesse until he had a opportunity to limit his Spade losses to one trick by obtaining a discard. To trick 2 he should have led a Club, won by the lone Ace in closed hand; and to trick 3 a Diamond, won by the Ace in dummy. Then the King of Clubs from dummy and a Spade discard from closed hand. After that he could tackle the Heart finesse and, being fortunate in obtaining an even break of the Diamonds, his losses would be limited to one Spade, one Heart and one Diamond.

## Society Folks

### Mr. and Mrs. Maurais Honored at Shower

A miscellaneous shower was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Maurais, 106 West Jefferson street, Wednesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maurais, who were married Dec. 5. Mrs. Maurais was formerly Miss Plooma Shires.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in pink and green, the bride's colors. The singing was provided especially for the occasion. Games were played and refreshments were served. The main feature was the uniting of gifts by the bride and groom who read the messages of good wishes and sentiments appropriate for such a happy event. The party remained for the departure of the old year and the arrival of 1931.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schreurs, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Peck, Mrs. Garrett Priester, Mrs. Mary Peck, Mrs. Nellie Lucas, Mrs. Sarah Huftalen, Mrs. Stocker, the Misses Lola Hank, Neva Harper, Esther Schreurs, Margaret Gloria Beck, and Albert Lonaas and Robert Zeug.

### Fishers Hold Reunion of Fishing Date

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary yesterday with a family dinner and reunion. The event was held at the family home, 105 Brook street. Married Jan. 1, 1906, the couple spent their entire married life in Muscatine.

Included in the list of guests at the home yesterday are the two sons, J. T. Fisher and Maynard Fisher, both of Muscatine. Mrs. J. T. Fisher and children were also present.

Others attending were Miss Irma Maxwell, Muscatine; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fisher and son, Howard of Portland, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Fisher and children, Joy, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher and son, Edward, Buffalo Prairie, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Elliott and children and Mr. and Mrs. Alf Elliott and son, all of Taylor Ridge, Ill.; Miss Leona Eliven, Marshton, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Redman and children, Marenco; Mrs. Kate Brogan, Muscatine; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fisher, Taylor Ridge, Ill.

The Misses Pearl and Zelma Holzhauser, 516 Main street, entertained a group of friends in their home Wednesday evening. Musical numbers were enjoyed and a luncheon was served.

Members of the German Congregational church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Schroeder, 309 East Seventh street. Several important questions regarding the church were discussed but no definite action was taken.

The Normal Training Alumni association of the Muscatine high school, will hold its annual banquet in the Y. W. C. A. tonight at 6:30 o'clock. The Rev. R. W. Merrifield, pastor of the First Congregational church, will be the speaker. Carson Kemp is chairman of arrangements. A reunion of the classes of 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930 is expected.

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### Kranz Will Makes Widow Beneficiary

Proof of death and the last will and testament of Emil Kranz, well known Muscatine florist, who died several days ago, was filed today at the court house. Under the terms of the will, Elizabeth Kranz, his widow, is bequeathed his entire estate and is appointed as executrix.

He married Miss Lou Hayes at Montezuma 35 years ago and his second marriage was to Mrs. Mary Kautz at Muscatine in 1916.

Surviving are his widow and one son, Howard of Cedar Rapids, and one daughter, Mrs. Maudie Allen of Montezuma. Mrs. Maudie Allen, Mrs. Milner, Mrs. Elmer Miller, Chel-Palades, Calif., and Mrs. Ida Goldsberry of Muscatine.

### Local 4-H Club Woman Speaker at State Federation

The Mrs. George Le Fever, chairman of the 4-H girls club work in Muscatine county has accepted an invitation to speak at the luncheon to be given by the Iowa 4-H club leaders when the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation meets in Des Moines the week of Jan. 12. The luncheon will be given between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock on Jan. 14.

Mrs. LeFever has won this recognition from the state federation for the outstanding work which has been accomplished by the Muscatine county 4-H club girls. The selection was made by Mrs. Josephine Arnold because of capsule information displayed by Mrs. LeFever. Mrs. LeFever will speak on the subject "What Every County Club Chairman Should Know."

### Sweetland Pastor Announces Services

Rev. A. F. Polk, pastor of the Sweetland Methodist Episcopal church announces that Sunday morning's services will start with the regular morning worship at 10 o'clock and Bible school at 11 o'clock. The evening program will begin with the Epworth League meeting at 7:30.

The Moscow Methodist Episcopal church belonging to the same circuit will open Sunday's services with Bible school at 11 a.m. and the evening preaching service will start at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Polk said.

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# As We See It

## Unemployment Insurance

The American Association for Labor Legislation is planning to introduce bills providing for unemployment insurance into twenty state legislatures this winter. Long desired by Labor, in recent months even Big Business is beginning to realize its advantages. Many people who correctly condemn the European dole system, particularly as it operates in Great Britain and Germany, are still laboring under the misapprehension that the American plan is based on similar lines. This is far from correct and when the scope of the American legislation, with its undoubted benefits, is more generally realized there should be little difficulty in enacting the various bills into laws.

Stated in its simplest terms the plan involves the amassing of a reserve fund in times of normal business with which to pay employees who may be forced out of work in the event of a business depression. This is the same principle followed by many firms during the past few months when they have been paying dividends out of surplus. If it is a wise policy to establish a financial reserve for the benefit of the owners, it appears that it should be equally wise to follow the same practice for the protection of the employee.

Several large industries have already established such a system for the benefit of their employees. In a few the plan has been in successful operation for many years hence legislation based on such a plan cannot be termed an experiment.



### ARTHRITIS

There are few diseases so cruel, and causes such suffering as arthritis.

Although it is hard to name any one thing, or condition, as the cause, we do know that the joints become inflamed, very painful, and, in later development, severe deformity occurs.

The clinical picture shows an infiltration of toxic material, acid salts, in the joints, and in the synovial sacks. The synovial fluid acts as a lubricant.

In many cases there is a dry grating sound when moving the joint, as though sand had been thrown into it.

This condition seems to associate itself with systemic acidosis, resulting from the failure of the body to eliminate uric acid and urea, highly toxic products of retained foodstuffs in the intestines.

A case comes to mind of a lady about sixty years of age who had this condition in the advanced stage. Pronounced swelling and deformity in the hands and feet.

After trying all kinds of medicines and drugs, mud baths, vegetable diets etc., was no good. This included manipulation work where possible, to keep the joints supple. He used to rub the points and soft tissues to aid the circulation as much as possible in dissolving and clearing out of the infiltrations in the joints. A reasonable amount of different kinds of white, short fibered meats,

### Once Overs

#### How Depressing!

A census shows there are 1,897,241 golf addicts in the United States. These are the most alarming statistics on insanity ever made public.

President Machado has closed the Havana Yacht club on the ground that its members were too free with their criticisms of the government. There's a blow at the prerogatives of Rocking Chair Fleets the world over.

Bertha B. Salinger opines that women are not using their stockings for banks any more for fear of a run in them.

#### Library Reading Room

The leaves of last week's newspaper I turn so quietly, lest I disturb the unemployed who sleeps right next to me!

#### Do You Remember

Back when the country was so orderly that all the natives had to fear was an attack by Indians?

Yesterday's Answer: They did not wear collar and necktie like in the days of those costumes.

### We Believe the Midwest Needs

#### and We Advocate

1. Less taxation.
2. Fewer state Commissions.
3. Universal school books.
4. Lower freight rates.
5. Return of river transportation.
6. A cleanup of some state institutions.
7. More efficiency in public offices.

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An added incentive is that the proposed statutes also involve sections designed to promote continuous or a least part time employment in times of depression thereby preventing men being thrown out of work without regard to its effect upon our economic structure.

Most employers realize it is good business to keep men at work. They are fully cognizant of the fact that idle men reduce consumption and throw out entire business life out of gear. The difference between good times and bad, in the last analysis, is the difference between the purchasing power, or lack of it, of the wage earner.

Three times within the last fifteen years we residents of the world's wealthiest nation have witnessed the bread fine. Thoughtful people are beginning to realize that we cannot continue to be indifferent when thousands of industrious people are thrown out of work periodically through no fault of their own. Any plan designed to prevent a repetition of these periods of unemployment deserves the thoughtful attention of all of us and the first concerted effort toward the more widespread adoption of unemployment insurance is most certainly worthy of our united support.

### The Seven-Million City

History affords no parallel to the growth of New York City. With a 1930 census of 6,955,000, it is already being mentioned as the seven-million city. It passed the first million mark in 1860 and has therefore increased seven times in as many decades.

While several western cities, notably Chicago, Los Angeles and Detroit, have shown a more rapid growth, it is probable that New York will retain its premier position because it is the American gateway to Europe.

Greater London is the only city to exceed New York, be-

ing about a million larger. Berlin, third city in world rank, has about four and a half millions. Fourth place goes to Chicago, which has wrested that honor from Paris in the last ten years.

Chicago boasts that it will pass New York in the next half-century but figures do not justify such a conclusion. Twenty years ago the ratio of Chicago's population to that of New York was 46 per cent. Ten years ago it was 48 per cent. In the 1930 census it was 48.4 per cent. At this ratio of relative increase several centuries must elapse before Chicago can pass New York.

### A Stab In The Back

No more damnable piece of journalistic misrepresentation has come to our notice than the following, credited to the Kansas City Times, as printed in the Ottumwa Courier, one of the "press paragons" of the Lee Syndicate:

"It may be taken for granted that President Hoover did not know that he was recognizing a cancer quack when he pressed the key that started the machinery for an Iowa newspaper sponsored by the quack. Doubtless some member of his staff made the arrangements under political pressure. But whoever did it involved the president of the United States in a serious blunder. And one of the important duties of the president's staff is to save him from such mistakes."

The unhandered methods employed by some newspapers in an endeavor to discredit one of the owners of this publication by attacking one of his numerous local enterprises in reprehensible in the extreme. We can readily see why the smooth paths of some Iowa newspapers may not be quite so smooth with the advent of a newspaper that is untrammeled in its editorial opinions and its news

columns, and we welcome any brickbats that may come our way as a newspaper, but to attempt to belittle this paper by attacks on persons connected with it illustrates the extremes to which some newspapers lend their columns without any apparent effort to secure the facts. If an employee of the Ottumwa Courier has an eye so keen as to clip such an item in the Kansas City Times he should also be keen enough to know that he can earn \$5,000 by coming to Muscatine and proving that the clipping is as purporting. There has been more than enough publicity in the Mid-West to prove to any unbiased individual the falsity of such a charge and there is therefore no other conclusion than that the Ottumwa Courier went out of its way in its vindictiveness.

### Small Fire Loss

Residents of Muscatine have every reason to congratulate themselves as a result of the report of Fire Chief J. B. Brown which showed that the total loss in 1930 was only \$30,440. This is a per capita loss of \$1.69. While the 1930 damage was slightly in excess of the previous year and the per capita loss 7 cents higher than 1929, there were 80 more calls in 1930, attesting to the efficiency of the department in holding the loss to such a low figure.

It must be remembered that practically every fire is a potential disaster of widespread proportions. It is only by a prompt response of the fire department that greater loss is prevented. The report, printed in a recent issue of the Free Press, speaks for itself in this respect when it is considered that property worth a half million dollars was endangered.

The man who is too wise to loan his friends money will never have many enemies.

### People's Pulpit

#### READERS—NOTICE THIS!

The Mid-West Free Press wishes again to impress upon its readers that the People's Pulpit column is open to them. Write unto any subject you desire, local or national. Your letters will be published regardless of the editor's opinion on the subject. All communications must be printed promptly should not be over 200 words. Those longer must await the writer's turn before publication. All communications must be signed and contain the address of the author.

People's Pulpit:

As I picked up the Free Press this morning I turned the pages and read the People's Pulpit and read a letter by G. J. Peck. Mr. Peck was right and I think myself that the best thing the Free Press can do for the people is to come out clean and tell the truth to the people. Surely the Free Press must know that there are millions of unemployed walking the streets. Charity can not help the suffering of these unfortunate so why not come out in the Free Press in big type and tell the workers to speak the campaign for the Unemployment Insurance Bill. That would be the greatest thing any paper could do at this particular time. The workers and farmers must organize—in union there is strength.

"Explain the use of 'than' and 'whom' and 'who,' whether 'than' is a conjunction or an adjective, and in what cases are 'whom' and 'who' used?"

"Than whom no man is better qualified" is idiomatic and in good usage. There is no reason for explaining the case of "whom." Who" in the second sentence is the subject of the verb "is."

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countries want to down a workers' government (Russia) just because Russia co-operates. Russia will not fight unless it is forced to do so. It is up to some other nation to jump on these poor workers and destroy, if they can, all they have built up in these few years of cooperative government. I am not a communist or red, but I have my eyes open not shut, I can see what is going on—and thank goodness I can read between the lines—so friends write into the People's Pulpit and give your side, give your opinion.

Lesley L. Olson,  
Kewanee, Ill.

People's Pulpit:  
I listen each day to your noon program. I think you are giving Gardner Cowles just what he deserves. I have been taking it since he has insulted our president like he has I wouldn't take it at any price.

I am sending three subscriptions for the Midwest Free Press.  
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### More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague

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The poets envy sailors  
Who plow the raging sea,  
And butterflies that dip and rise  
Across the lonely sky.

They envy soaring eagles,  
With strong and outstretched wings,  
That sweep the blue the long day through;

They're always envying things.

They wish that they were sky-larks —  
Sweet-voiced and light of heart,  
Which get their fun from strains of un-

Premeditated art.

They wish, instead of poets,  
That they were slender fauns,  
And piped soft tunes to silver moons

On soft and grassy lawns.

They'd like to be swift reindeer  
And race across the snow,  
Where the wind and cold brood wood and wold,

The winds of winter blow.

Or ducking, diving dolphins,  
Which love to slip and slide,

While breakers comb in curls of foam

Upon the tossing tide.

They never are contented.

These folk of feet and rhyme,  
With any lot they may have got:

They're envying all the time.

I often wonder that they  
Should have more self-restraint,

And not complain that they would fain

Be something that they ain't.

NOTHING NEW

E'en Eden had a milder plot.

For Cain put Abel on the spot.

SLOW DEVELOPERS

The pigmy golf courses are now three years old. But they're very little for their age.

Lief Ericson probably discovered America so Knute Rockne would have a chance to distinguish himself.

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### This is the Right Word

By W. CURTIS NICHOLSON

The next big test, the Winter Test, will be published in the next instalment of "The Right Word." Reminders of this have been published in the last few articles. Carry the word along. Let us have a larger response than ever before.

The following query has been received from Miriam Simon of Brooklyn, N. Y.:

"I would appreciate it if you would inform me as to the correctness of the following sentences: (1) I appreciate, sincerely, your thoughtfulness; (2) I am writing to you with reference to one, John Smith, alias James Jones. Are the commas necessary?"

Answer: The commas setting off "sincerely" might be omitted. The comma setting off "John Smith" should be retained. Commas are used mainly for the purpose of clearness. You should have written "I should appreciate," not "I would appreciate."

"Explain the use of 'than' and 'whom' and 'who,' whether 'than' is a conjunction or an adjective, and in what cases are 'whom' and 'who' used?"

"Than whom no man is better qualified" is idiomatic and in good usage. There is no reason for explaining the case of "whom." Who" in the second sentence is the subject of the verb "is."

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### STRANGE AS IT SEEKS...

by John Hix





## CONTRACT LET FOR MEMORIAL TO W. NARVIS

Dedication Expected To Be Held Early Next Summer

Contract for the construction and erection of the William Narvis Memorial has been let to the DeWitt Manufacturing Company of Des Vies, Inc., according to announcement made today. W. A. Mathews of Muscatine is chairman of the committee arranging for the memorial.

The World has already been started but it is not believed the marker will be ready for dedication before late spring or early summer. Final dedication must be made by the A. O. U. W. grand lodge, which meets in Des Moines in May.

Mr. Narvis was supreme master of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for nearly 25 years. He died Dec. 31, 1928 and a movement to erect a monument to his memory was started at the annual lodge session in Council Bluffs in May, 1930. A committee, of which Mr. Mathews is chairman, was appointed at that time. Other members are J. L. Giesler and F. W. Johnson, Muscatine; Fred Walton and W. H. Stowell, Des Moines; and O. W. Collier, Fort Dodge.

Entering the world of the A. O. U. W. lodge in 1892, Mr. Narvis was elected the master workman chair of Lodge No. 300. When that lodge consolidated with Lodge No. 10, he was reelected to the same office in 1899, after having been elected six times to the head of the Muscatine Lodge. He was named Master Workman of Iowa. To this office he was reelected in 1900, 1901 and 1902. He was later elected to the office of Supreme workman of the grand lodge, which office he held until his death.

### River Frozen Over But Ice Not Thick

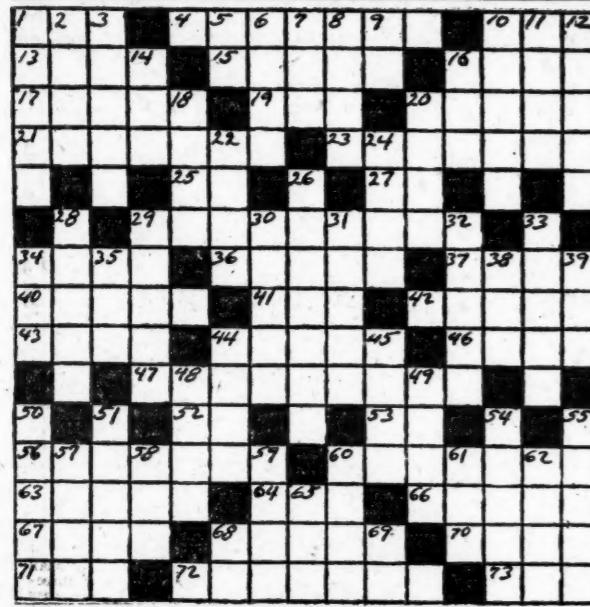
#### As in Former Years

With its greatest thickness about six inches, ice in the Mississippi river is thinner this year than it has been for many winters, it was reported today. In fact it is doubtful if the river would have frozen over at all this year were the water not extremely low.

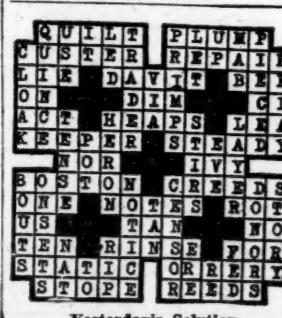
As it is, floating ice under the weathered has probably retarded the flow of water and this, together with the fact that the river is low, has made it easy to freeze over. The river was first reported as having been frozen over on Christmas day.

Last year ice in the river is said to have been of greater thickness than many previous winters, although no record is kept of the actual thickness of the ice here at any time.

#### Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- The legal fraternity.
- 4—Meaning.
- 10—Cut short.
- 13—Destroy.
- 15—Sea fish.
- 16—Sound of thunder.
- 17—Loose.
- 19—Anger.
- 20—Loud.
- 21—Relative by marriage.
- 22—Mood.
- 25—Gold (symbol).
- 27—Gold in heraldry.
- 29—Bought.
- 34—Trifle.
- 36—Dip.
- 37—Pieces out.
- 40—Tapestry.
- 41—Insect.
- 42—Imbecile.
- 43—Despoils.
- 44—Hunting animal.
- 46—New paragraph.
- 47—Lodging.
- 52—Afterthought (abbr.).
- 53—Highway (abbr.).
- 55—Establish in office.
- 60—Chief administrative officer of a French Department.
- 63—Pertaining to the nose.
- 64—Animal's call.
- 66—Scoundrel.
- 67—Always.
- 68—Money holder.
- 70—Entrance.
- 71—A number of pieces belonging together.
- 72—Command.
- 73—Direct.
- DOWN
- 1—Brisk encounter.
- 2—Near relative.
- 3—Ceremonials.
- 5—Pronoun.
- 6—Precipitation.
- 7—Animal sound.
- 8—Crude minerals.
- 9—Means of transportation (abbr.).
- 10—Contradict.
- 11—Oven.
- 12—Consecrate.
- 14—Bite.
- 16—Equality.



Yesterday's Solution

## RACKETEERS GRIP NEW YORK CITY; GANG METHODS TO FIGHT WORKERS

NEW YORK.—(Special)—The district attorney invited 50 representative citizens to confer with him on how to combat racketeers in these non-union plants. If a unionist fails to obey orders he is "taken for a ride."

The district attorney said racketeers "have their hands in everything from the cradle to the grave—from babies' milk to funeral coaches."

It is estimated that gangsters shake down \$5,000,000 annually from consumers of ship and railroad freight, levying a tribute of 3 cents on every hundred weight of goods delivered here. Every pier and railroad station in this city but one is dominated by racketeers.

The racketeers' territories business men make monthly contributions by threats of personal violence or bombing their plants.

Racketeering is considered a good investment by the long-hour, low-wage employer who finds a

profit in operating on the anti-union basis. Gangsters and strong-arm men keep unionists from these non-union plants. If a unionist fails to obey orders he is "taken for a ride."

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## Near Beer Is Made By New York Woman

NEW YORK.—(INS)—Mrs. Annie Boettiger is the only woman truck driver in this city. Inheriting a small near beer business from her husband six years ago, Mrs. Boettiger now makes the beer, loads it on her truck in large cases weighing 70 pounds, jumps up on the driver's seat and delivers it to her customers.

## WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Ia.—(Special)—Funeral services for C. L. Cunningham, who died while funeral services were being conducted for his wife Tuesday, were held from the Jones Funeral home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Cunningham died Sunday. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham died of pneumonia.

One son, Andrew, survived the couple. Mr. Cunningham was also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Flora V. Adams of Davenport and Mrs. Rush Helwick of Washington, Ia.

L. E. Larson, 63, retired farmer, died Tuesday morning, December 30th, at his home, after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held yesterday at the Sherman Funeral Home. Mr. Larson came to America from Sweden 19 years of age. He worked at the John Deere plow works in Moline until 1901, and married Elsie Petersen; Dale McConnell, Cornell; Marguerite Steuart, Stevens College at Columbia, Mo.; Forest Stewart, Iowa Wesleyan; Howard Kennedy, Geneva College in Pennsylvania; Louise Bergren, Augustana; Richard Loggren, Moline.

The I. O. O. F. lodge will have charge of the services at the grave and burial will be in Elm Grove cemetery.

Miss Josephine McConnell leaves Friday for Iowa City where she will visit her brother, T. R. McConnell who teaches at the University. From there she returns to her school at Loraine, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bushnell and Kenneth visited at Cone, Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Stevenson and two children returned from Chicago Sunday where they visited Mr. Stevenson.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church held their regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. N. Miller.

—Air With the Wire Cutting Into Her Leg Cruelly.

They found her hanging there, and then they stole away from that place, for there was nothing they could do to help and they couldn't, yet they just couldn't lend of their brightness to a place where such a terrible thing had happened. Mrs. Grouse closed her eyes. She couldn't bear to look out on this little part of her world where she had been so happy in spite of all the dangers.

"What can I do? What can I do?" she moaned.

"There is nothing you can do," replied a voice.

She opened her eyes. There looking up at her, was Reddy Fox, and although there was hunger and longing in his eyes there was also sorrow and pity.

Next Story: Reddy Fox Proves His Heart Is Right.

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## Students Printing Pot Hook Magazine

NEW YORK.—(INS)—Students in stenography in the Abraham Lincoln High School here have started a magazine printed all in shorthand characters.

An editorial, an article by the principal of the school, club gossip, and two short stories for the 300 club members who form the magazine's circulation were in the first issue of the Short-O-Gram. To the uninitiated they were just pot hooks and meaningless symbols.

## MEDIALPOLIS

MEDIALPOLIS, Ia.—(Special)—Elimination for declaimers will be held this month and the local contest will be held early in February. The County contest will also be held at Mediapolis. In the oratorical group ten have entered, humorous, fifteen, dramatic, elev-

ation.

Progress Lodge A. F. & A. M. and White Star Chapter of the order of the Eastern Star held a joint installation at their hall yesterday.

The following students will return this week to college: Wendell Walker and Ralph Paris, Coe; Mary Adeline Ashton, Sue; and Alfred Elmer Elmer Phillips; Dale McConnell, Cornell; Marguerite Steuart, Stevens College at Columbia, Mo.; Forest Stewart, Iowa Wesleyan; Howard Kennedy, Geneva College in Pennsylvania; Louise Bergren, Augustana; Richard Loggren, Moline.

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## NEW OFFICIALS ENTER COUNTY SERVICE TODAY

Van Dyke Takes Over Treasurer's Work; Coder, Auditor

## Farm Bureau Looks For Record Crowd At Annual Meeting

Reservations for the annual banquet of the Muscatine county Farm Bureau to be held at the First Baptist church on Thursday, Jan. 12, are coming in, and there is assurance that an attendance between 300 and 400 will be shown. Reservations will be received until noon on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Earl Elijah, president of the Iowa Livestock Marketing corporation, will be the principal speaker, followed by roasts, songs and dancing, making up the afternoon program. The executive officers is scheduled to take place at 1:15, and will be followed by the banquet at noon. During the serving of the banquet there will be orchestra music.

Three carloads of agriculture limestone will be given away to early registrants at 11 o'clock by the Loring cement company, and the Dolby brothers and Rivers Products company. An attendance prize will also be given to the women guests.

Attendance at the annual banquet last year exceeded the capacity of the church and many were turned away.

## WILTON JUNCTION

WILTON JUNCTION—(Special)—B. J. Grings has sold his residence and 15 lots to Adolph Bauch who will take possession at once.

Alexander Leith has returned to his college work at Marquette, Wis., after spending a week with men guests.

Mrs. Elmer Daut and children, Dorothy and Jean, returned home Sunday evening from a visit of several days with relatives at Daverton.

Mrs. Bessie Hebard of Council Bluffs came Monday for a few days at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Maude Sherberger.

Paul Darting spent last week with friends at Center Junction.

The merchants of Wilton have placed containers in conspicuous places in their places of business for receiving tin foil to be sent to Shrine hospitals the use of which is used in aiding crippled children.

Anna Shuger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Birdsey Shuger, is improving rapidly from a serious attack of pneumonia.

The Zion Lutheran church held a special service yesterday both English and German services at the usual hours.

The Grace Reformed church will hold a congressional meeting Jan. 6 at the church, dinner will be served at noon followed by a business meeting.

Mr. Everett Milburn and daughter of West Liberty and Mrs. Jess Beers of Springfield, Ill., were recent visitors at the Harry Harter home.

Resolutions may become as sturdy as the oak.

Stunted or dead trees are like wasted resolutions.

## TOTAL COUNTY FUND \$418,517

Retiring Treasurer Reports Total at End of Year

The Muscatine county treasury showed a total balance of \$418,517 in the various funds at the close of the year, when Mrs. Frances B. Rosenbaum, retiring treasurer, turned over the funds to her successor, Robert A. Van Dyke. His report was presented to the super-visors today.

The outstanding funds included in the report are \$102,358.45, representing the amount paid in automobile licenses and the primary road bond construction fund of \$110,512.72.

Following are the balances on hand in the various funds:

General state	\$ 6,452.65
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Soldiers bonus	438.33
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County fund	19,568.16
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County expense fund	4,425.65
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Relief expense fund	3,362.24
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State Insane	7,186.21
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School county	2,652.63
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Soldiers relief	2,901.82
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County Bond fund	1,855.85
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County bond f'd interest	1,614.40
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Emergency	18,472.74
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Juvenile	8,726.26
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Fair Ground	80.25
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Endicott	10,822.00
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Sec. Ry Construction	24,894.37
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Sec. Rd Main	24,446.67
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Sec. Rd. Const and Main	23,403.19
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County Insane	3,102.07
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Co. Rd. Bond Construc	11,864.54
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County police	29.50
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Domestic animal	510.45
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## PHONE 2900

Charge ads will be accepted over the telephone for all classifications except "Situation Wanted." These accommodation charges are for the convenience of our patrons and payment is due within one week after the last insertion.

## PERSONALS

SCISSORS SHARPENED at Hopkins Filing Shop 208 Cedar.

STOP AT Peck's Confectionery 2224 Rockingham Road, Davenport, Iowa.

WANTED MACHINE quilting and dress making. Work and prices right. Mrs. Wm. Ribbink, 607 Poplar and 900 East Sixth. Phone 803.

## SITUATIONS WANTED

EXPERIENCED BATTERY and ignition man. Also experienced with acetylene welding. Write X care Free Press.

## FEMALE HELP WANTED

BOOKKEEPER, PERMANENT POSITION. References required. Experience necessary. Want an unusual worker. Address 239 Muscatine, Iowa.

## LOST AND FOUND

WILL PARTY who exchanged overcoat by mistake on New Years eve return to Red Mens Hall. Phone.

STENOGRAPHER OFFER permanent position. Must be accurate, detailed, understand filing and general office work. Address Box 239 Muscatine, Iowa.

SECRETARY. MUST be experienced, detailed, unusual ability. References required. Address box 239 Muscatine, Iowa.

## FEMALE HELP WANTED

YOU HAVE BENEFITED by reading and responding to the ads of the Free Press—why not cash in on it as they have done. What do you have for sale or what are your wants? Let us tell our more than 7,000 readers through these columns.

SCHOOL GIRL, 15 will work for board and room. Address B. T. Free Press.

BOOKKEEPER

An unusual opportunity for permanent position. Want lady bookkeeper with years of experience. Not under 25 years of age. Must be dependable, accurate and detailed. Box 239 Free Press.

## MISCELLANEOUS

YOU HAVE BENEFITED by reading and responding to the ads of the Free Press—why not cash in on it as they have done. What do you have for sale or what are your wants? Let us tell our more than 7,000 readers through these columns.

SHOE REPAIRING. 217 Cedar. Paul Doering.

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## BUY IT HERE

SEWING MACHINE to repair. Allman, 1507 Oregon street. Phone 1915R.

HAIR CUT 20 cents. 607 Spruce.

FREE PRESS CLASSIFIEDS did it.

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

WANT TO hear from party who has 3 or 4 room house for sale to be moved off premises. W. A. Leonard. Phone 2960W.

## REAL ESTATE RENTALS

HOUSE FOR RENT. Phone 1350.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING AND sleeping rooms. 601 Iowa Avenue.

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## FOR SALE

TRACTOR REPLACEMENTS parts—Gears pinions, pistons, rings, pins, bushings, etc. All kinds of cylinders or sleeves reground and fitted with pistons. We do anything in the general machine work line. Over 25 years experience. Crabb G. Engine Co., Independence, Ia.

## TP—

GOOD GREEN alfalfa hay. Phone 1910R.

HARRED ROCK cockerels, Royal Pheasant strain. L. M. Neyens. Phone 1915R. Route 5.

SAW MILL OWNERS—We have a stock of new and used mills saws. All kinds of saws hammered and otherwise repaired. Repair parts made to order for any kind of sawmill machinery. Crabb Gas Engine Co., Independence, Ia.

## FOR SALE

BED SPRINGS, library table, typewriter, roll-top desk. Cheap. Phone tonight 796-W.

OAK WOOD stove. Herr's coal yard.

ONE 32-VOLT Phelps farm light complete with batteries, used for year. Guaranteed to be like new. \$165.00; one 32-volt generator or motor, new \$18.00; one old type 32-volt Phelps unit \$30.00. E. Le Quatre, Illinois City, Ill.

FOR SALE or rent 50 acre farm one-half mile south of Fruitland, Iowa, in drainage district. Along electric line. Easy terms to purchaser. L. M. Neyens. Phone 1915R. Route 5.

HEREFORD BULLS for sale. Polled and horned. From 6 mo. to 2 years old. Good ones and priced right. James Mathes, 7 miles south Marengo, Iowa.

## FOR SALE

GUARANTEED STOVES at real bargains. Also wish to buy cook stoves. Carters Second Hand Store, 216 Mulberry. Phone 1733W.

## NOTICE, CHEVROLET OWNERS

Notice prices on new Chevrolet radiators  
1926-27  
1928

\$14  
\$15

## GRAND RADIATOR SHOP

Chevrolet Owners  
217 Walnut St. Phone 1350-W

## MACHINE THAT WALKS USED IN LEATHER TESTS

Bureau of Standards Adopts New Plan To Lower Cost

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special) —A "Walking Machine," which will give shoes several months wear in 24 hours, is being used by the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce in its work aimed to place the use of leather on a new scientific basis, according to a recent account of the Bureau's activities by Henry D. Hubbard.

One sole of a pair of shoes, Mr. Hubbard states, wears out more quickly than the other, because the hide, originally used in the soles has been taken from different sections of the steer.

Wearing quality however, is an important factor of sole leather, on which a \$1,000,000,000 industry is based. According to Mr. Hubbard's testimony which was published as an article entitled "Why Does Leather Get Out?" in the December issue of "Commercial Standards Only." His article follows in text:

## LEATHER FROM SKIN

Leather is made from skin. Skin toughness, but to withstand the stress of active life is translated into similar service for man in the form of leather. The Persian saying, "The world is clad with leather to him who wears a shoe" is the basis of a great industry—shoe-making. The wearing quality is a primary trait of sole leather, on which a billion-dollar industry is built.

The National Bureau of Standards aims to improve leather, make shoes last longer, find out why they wear out, cheapen leather costs by new methods and materials, enable leather makers to use each part of the hide for its most appropriate service, determine the useful properties of leather, embody them in quality standards defining basic requirements for each use, and develop reliable tests and devices—in brief, to place the manufacture and use of leather on a new scientific basis with the fullest cooperation of the leather industry and its technical association.

## SOLES ARE MATCHED

The leather laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards is answering the question "Why do shoes wear out?" One sole of a pair of shoes is cut from the same animal, not because the walker has had walking habits, but because it is cut from a different part of the hide if it is strong, tough and durable enough. The back section may last twice as long as the flank leather. Shoemakers are being told to match their soles for a given pair of shoes to give the wearer equalized wearing quality.

In view of the wide variation in the wearing qualities of leather from different parts of the hide, it is necessary to have a standard. Leather from the portion over the kidney showed the best wear while on the belly edge the wearing quality was found to be only 73 percent. If the best service is required, it is thus shown to be important to specify from what portion of the hide soles shall be cut.

Mexican Agreement Keeps Men on Jobs

MEXICO CITY.—(INS)—Dismissal of many workers in the textile industry of Mexico City has been averted by an agreement between workers and employers to reduce working hours, thus enabling the mills to retain all employees.

A New York engineer has perfected a device which makes it possible to blow out an electric light. This pretty well clears up the question of what we will do for fun in the coming year.

Now if he will only invent an electric door-bell that can be run by pulling a knob.

Add similes: As unreliable as a windshield wiper on a new flivver.

## AUTO STAGES DRIVE PILOT OFF PACIFIC

Veteran Skipper Gives Up to Bus Lines

SEATTLE.—(INS)—Captain E. Coffin, veteran pilot, is off his run after hauling more than 6,000 passengers between Seattle and Tacoma.

The skipper came ashore, ending a career of 41 years on Puget Sound, because the Puget Sound Navigation Company had abandoned the run.

"Steiners can't compete with the auto stages today," Captain Coffin said, as he strode down the gangplank, after taking his historic draft, the Tacoma, on its last trip.

NAVIGATES BLINDFOLD

The skipper has the reputation of being able to find his way, between the two cities. Winter fog has furnished the "blindfold" many a time.

"It's no trick," the captain explained. "Often in the winter you don't see anything between the dock at Tacoma and the dock at Seattle. But you know by the time where you ought to be, and the echo from the whistle tells you whether you are there or not."

"Sound travels, you know, about 1,200 feet per second. It depends a little on the temperature."

Veteran members of Captain Coffin's crew and other pioneers of the Puget Sound section were aboard the Tacoma when she made her last trip up the bay from Tacoma to Seattle.

The skipper, Indianapolis, took all of the 12,000 passengers carried on his last trip.

There have been a few collisions.

"It's no trick to keep off the ground," Captain Coffin commented. "The land stands still. But sometimes it's not so easy to tell what another vessel will do."

Coffin was born in Nantucket Mass., and hails from a line of seafaring folk. The suspension of his old run will not end his career. He said he expected to be active again on some other inland run.

## TAYLOR RIDGE

TAYLOR RIDGE, Ill.—(Special)—Peter Daniels of Sachatene, Canada, is visiting at the home of Carlo Frank and family.

Bernard Dunlap is spending his Christmas vacation at the home of his uncle, William Dunlap at Ohio, Ill.

Mrs. Forest Gould and children, Carol, Arlene, and Leonard, accompanied by Mrs. Helen Kain and John Long visited recently at the home of Mrs. Gould in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Frances Wakefield returned to her home in Lone Tree, Ia., after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Dunlap, Sr.

Mrs. Laurence Wiers went to the Lutheran hospital in Moline Wednesday to see her brother Orin Long who was operated on for removal of goiter.

Miss Margery Kain entertained the members of the Kings Herald at her home Tuesday afternoon. Refreshments and a good time was enjoyed by the youngsters.

Miss Margery Esterold, nurse, from Moline, Ill., who has been caring for Mrs. Robert Young during his illness returned home Monday afternoon.

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have associated themselves together under and by virtue of Chapter 384 of the 1927 Code of Iowa and acts supplementary and mandatory thereto, and have adopted articles of incorporation which provide as follows:

## LEGAL NOTICE

and any right, title or interest therein, or any kind or interest and wheresoever situated, and in leasing, managing, supervising and conducting, for the purpose of purchase, own, hold, lease, or otherwise acquire or obtain, will, convey, assign, transfer, let, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of or incumber real, personal or mixed property and any right, title, estate or interest therein, legal or equitable and of any kind or description whatsoever situate, as may be considered necessary or convenient to the interests of the corporation, the intent of the corporation by its board of directors; and, in general, to do or perform any act or acts and to execute any contract or other instrument expedient or necessary to accomplish or furthering any of the objects or powers herein referred to or mentioned, or which may, in any manner, relate or pertain thereto and to conduct, transact by its board of directors, and, in general, to do or perform any act or acts and to execute any 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## LEADERS HOLD TRADE ON WAY TO RECOVERY

**U. S. Will March in Van, Says Industrial Board Chief**

**N. S. Fina**—Editor  
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—(INS)—That American industry and trade are on the way to recovery, and that American recovery will precede that of other countries is the conclusion reached by Magnus W. Alexander, president of the National Industrial Conference board and an expert observer of economic and industrial conditions.

In an exclusive statement for International News Service today, Mr. Alexander says:

"Our country has passed through similar depressions in the past and has come from them with renewed strength which has carried it to new heights of achievement. The natural resources and advantages of this country are unparalleled, its industrial system is in a high state of efficiency through its marketing processes need improvement, its credit structure is unimpaired and the ingenuity and enterprises of its people are unsurpassed."

### U. S. WILL HOLD LEAD

All these give assurance that the United States will not only weather the present period of adversity, but that the country will continue to march in the van of industrial and social progress. There is, therefore, no occasion for pessimism concerning the future of American industry and trade.

"It is rather a time for thoughtful consideration of the future needs and requirements of our economic life and for careful planning so that business in future may be carried on with a minimum of friction and maladjustment and, thereby, be better enabled to serve the needs of society."

Discussing the outlook from the standpoint of finances and commercial credits, William Fraser, president of the National Association of Credit men says:

### SAYS CREDIT SOUND

"The credit position of the country is still sound, and money is cheaper than it has been in a long time. The artificial stringencies created in some quarters by excessive caution in making loans. Present low money rates have created a condition unusually favorable for building, the stimulation of which should be a prime factor in recovery."

"The last twelve months," said Mr. Fraser, "have been primarily a period of liquidation, both for individuals and for business houses, and of readjustment to smaller volume, lower prices and slimmer profits. Whether or not the deflation has entirely run its course, there can be very little doubt that the worst is past."

"As the year turns we can look about us and be thankful that the mechanism of business remains substantially intact, despite the erosion of continued adverse conditions. The damage might well have been much greater."

### CONSERVATISM LAUDED

"Thanks to a conservative credit policy and vigorous collection methods, collection has held up remarkably well, and the percentage of 'past due' accounts is not alarming. Failures have increased in number, but have not involved outstanding firms to an extent that might have helped to bring about a real panic."

"Perhaps the most hopeful consideration for business in 1931 are that inventories in the hands of dealers are almost uniformly low, and that accumulated consumer needs are rapidly approaching the point where forced buying for replacement may end." The movements to curb over-production in copper and oil may lead to similar action in connection with other commodities, which would assist in a stabilization of prices."

**HARVEY FIRESTONE**, president of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, looks for further readjustments in his industry, the logical result of the price declines in its two most important raw materials, rubber and cotton.

### TIRE INDUSTRY BETTER

"These readjustments," said Mr. Firestone, "will probably be finished by the first quarter of the new year and I think that on the whole the tire industry goes into 1931 in a basically much healthier condition than that in which it entered 1929—for it was then that the troubles of 1930 had their birth. Probably the industry still has a productive capacity in excess of any ordinary demand, but excess productive capacity is a relative term. There is not excess of the sufficient productive capacity that can function at a profit when prices are low."

"The losses taken on raw materials have been as drastic as in 1921. Crude rubber dropped the same percentage in 1930 as it did in 1921—72 percent. We inventoried our stocks in 1929 with rubber at 20 cents. This year we had to inventory at something less than 10 cents. In cotton the percentage drop was not so great, but it was a big percentage."

"There is no question in my mind that in 1931 consumers must come into the market not only for their normal tire requirements but also they will need to buy new spares. Thus I believe that the tire industry will have a very large business in 1931."

**LAWRENCE, KAN.**—Dr. F. C. Allen, athletic director of the University of Kansas, has announced the Jayhawkers football squad would play James-Millikin university of Decatur, Ill., here next October 10.

**NEW YORK**—Harry F. Sinclair has signed J. W. ("Bub") May to assist Frank Taylor in training the Rancocas thorough-breds. May will take a string of twenty-odd horses to Miami on Friday.

Champ Speller



(P. and A. Photo.)

## AUTO RECEIPTS FOR 1930 PASS PREVIOUS MARK

**Total of \$100,189 Is Paid With Further Sum Expected**

Exceeding last year's total receipts of \$100,000 from automobile registrations by approximately \$200, and with further receipts expected from unanswered mail still on hand, a new record had been established when the closing check-up of license receipts was made at the office of the county treasurer yesterday.

Registration of cars had been slow than usual during the few days preceding the final time to apply for licenses and escape the penalty of \$1 per month for delinquents, which became effective on Jan. 1. However, the number of cars registered passed the 1930 mark on the final day, this being revealed by the receipts of many applications received in the mail on New Year's day.

The total number of cars registered in 1930, not including the few remaining applications on hand, was 8,504, and there still remains a total of 3,281 cars on which the owners have not yet paid their license fees for the new year.

During the past month, the registrations included 5,223 automobiles, 681 trucks, nine motorcycles and four trailers. In the same period last year, there were 5,512 automobiles, 531 trucks, 12 motorcycles and one trailer registered.

**Jefferson County Officers Assume New Jobs Today**

**FAIRFIELD, Ia.**—(Special)—Four new Jefferson county officers were sworn in yesterday by County Attorney Otto J. Eiseley to succeed acting County Attorney Ralph Munro; B. H. Elliott to succeed Clyde C. Bell as recorder; Dr. C. C. Tallman, coroner who will follow Dr. J. S. Gauver, and D. M. Holgate as member of the board of supervisors in place of the retiring member, W. N. Glaf-

An interesting fact concerning tax receipts is reported by J. L. Raney of this city. In looking over his tax receipts Mr. Raney found one of 1865 and showing the payment of \$11.78 for taxes on 174 acres of land located in Jefferson county located six and one-half miles south of Fairfield known as the Raney farm.

Since that time 14 acres of the farm have been sold leaving 160 acres on which Mr. Raney paid county treasurer V. S. Samelson \$231.68 this year.

The Thomas Glass company entertained its sales force as special guests at a meeting of the Lions club Tuesday evening. A musical program presented by the Misses Shaw and Loren Putnam furnished a portion of the entertainment. Clifford Thomas, secretary and treasurer of the company introduced the guests.

When the county treasurer's office closed Wednesday evening a total of 3,357 Iowa state automobile licenses had been sold. Last year 4,894 automobiles and 322 trucks were licensed in Jefferson county.

Mrs. Dillon Turney was elected president of the woman's missionary society of the Lutheran church at a meeting held Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Charles Nelson, 704 East Adams street. Other officers are: Vice-President, Mrs. Cecil Johnson; secretary, Mrs. Fred Yanaway; treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Lewis. Subject of the study lesson was "India."

**WEST LIBERTY**

**WEST LIBERTY**—(Special)—The Royal Neighbors lodge is sponsoring a New Year's dance to be held at the Woodmen hall Jan. 9. The committee in charge are: Mrs. Roy Stevens, Mrs. Leonard Baldwin, Mrs. Jess Smallwood and Mrs. Fred Heatherington.

Mrs. Donald Wood and three children are visiting at the home of Mrs. Woods mother, Mrs. Margaret Harney and family.

**WEST BRANCH**

**WEST BRANCH**—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Greene celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 29, at the Methodist church parlor where dinner was served to 25 relatives and friends.

About 150 persons called in the afternoon at the church parlor from 1 to 4 o'clock and cake, tea and coffee were served. They received many beautiful presents and everyone wished them much happiness.

"For the first few months most of those pretty girls visit quite regularly. Then there is a lapse of a few months, and finally, they never return."

"The reason isn't hard to find. You know, they meet some other guy on the outside."

**HIGH SCHOOL ELOPERS Returned to Homes**

**WAUKEGAN, Ill.**, Jan. 2.—(INS)—June Racine, 14, and Charles Tabbert, 17, high school students were back in their homes today after an "elopement" of one week. A search for them ended yesterday when they were found with relatives of Tabbert in Ottawa, Ill.

**MRS. HATTIE GERARD Funeral Tomorrow**

Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie Gerard, 60 years old, Fourth street, who died at Hershey hospital yesterday morning will be held from the Wittich funeral home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Benjamin F. Schwartz of the First Methodist Episcopal church officiating. Interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery.

**NEW YORK**—Hugh C. McGrath of Boston College will be the president in 1931 of the Eastern Association of football officials, according to election announcements made here.

## Broadcasts

### WOC-WHO

Davenport and Des Moines  
7:00 a. m.—Early Birds.  
7:30 "—NBC—Cheerio.  
8:00 "—NBC—Quaker Early Birds—Gene and Jenn.

8:15 "—Steamboat Bill.  
8:30 "—Blackhawk Hotel Program.  
8:35 "—NBC—Morning Melodies.  
8:45 "—NBC—A. @ P. Program.

9:00 "—Air Jingles.  
9:15 "—NBC—Emily Post.  
9:45 "—NBC—Helen Rose.

10:15 "—Weather Forecast and Market Reports.  
10:30 "—Aunt Jane's Home Management Club.

11:00 "—NBC-On Wings of Song.  
11:15 "—Restawhile.  
11:30 "—National Farm and Home Hour.

12:30 p. m.—NBC—Dancing Melodies.

12:45 "—Foreign Policy Association Luncheon.

3:00 "—NBC—Classic Gems.  
3:30 "—NBC—Song Shoppe.  
4:00 "—Bert Sloan, Popular Pianist.

4:15 "—Tunes by Two.  
4:30 "—Hawkeye Ensemble.  
5:00 "—Kiddies Sunshine Hour.

5:15 "—Mid-Continent Rocking Chair.  
5:45 "—NBC—Uncle Abe and David.

6:00 "—Valley News Review by James C. Greene.

6:15 "—NBC—Whyte's Orchestra.

6:30 "—NBC—Smollen and Stone Road of Adventure by Gilbert Hunt.

6:45 "—NBC—The High Cable.  
7:00 "—NBC—Rodeheaver Sing.

7:15 "—NBC—Radiotron Variety.  
7:30 "—NBC—Silver Flute.

7:45 "—NBC—General Electric Hour.

9:00 "—NBC—B. A. Rolfe and Lucky Strike Dance Orch.

10:00 "—Weather Forecast.  
10:30 "—NBC—Troubadour of the Moon.

11:00 "—W.H.O.O.T. O.W.L.s.

11:15 "—W.M.Q.A.Q.

12:30 "—Morning Worship.

12:45 "—Musical Hodge Podge.

13:00 "—Morning Service.

13:30 "—Morning Worship.

14:00 "—Musical Hodge Podge.

15:00 "—Eight Time Signal.

15:30 "—For Everyone.

16:00 "—Intermediate French.

16:30 "—The Question Box.

17:05 "—Wide-Awake Club.

17:30 "—Board of Trade; also 10:30, 11:30, 12:05.

17:45 "—Davis Radio Service.

18:00 "—Musical Hodge Podge.

18:30 "—Women's Calendar.

19:00 "—CBS—N. Y. Philharmonic.

19:30 "—German—Wm. Kurath.

20:00 "—Board of Trade; also 10:30, 11:30, 12:05.

20:30 "—Advanced Spanish.

21:00 "—Whitney Trio.

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22:00 "—Whitney Trio.

22:30 "—Musical Potpourri.

23:00 "—CBS—Spanish Serenade.

23:30 "—Italian.

24:00 "—CBS—Warwick Orchestra.

24:30 "—Stamp Talk.

24:45 "—Topsy Turvy Time.

25:00 "—Elementary Spanish.

25:30 "—Daily News Concert.

26:00 "—CBS—Good Morning, variety.

26:30 "—Adult Education.

26:45 "—Sports by Hal Toten.

27:00 "—CBS—Literary Digest.

27:15 "—Daily News Feature.

27:30 "—CBS—Musical Feature.

28:00 "—CBS—Carborundum.

28:30 "—Daily News Concert Orchestra.

29:00 "—CBS—Hank Simmons.

29:30 "—Corinnis Water Boys.

30:00 "—Dan and Sylvia.

30:30 "—Elgin Time Signal.

30:45 "—Via Lago Orchestra.

31:00 "—Beach View Gardens Orch. Via Lago Orchestra (3 hours).

### Want Gravel Between New London, Winfield

**MOUNT PLEASANT**, Jan. 2.—(Special)—Graduation of the 12 mile stretch of road between New London and Winfield is being sought by 102 residents along the highway. Representatives of the residents urged immediate action before a recent meeting of the county board of supervisors here.

Five dry agents were on duty to see that the law was not too flagrantly violated, and in most cases, night clubs and similar centers of rejoicing, great discretion was exercised in the display of forbidden libations.

**Wall Caves in Mason Contractor**

Herman Luedtke, 1204 Filmore ave., a mason contractor